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FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4496

INFO USMISSION GENEVA

AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY ROME

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KUWAIT POUCH BAGHDAD

ROME FOR INS AND CONGEN

ATHENS FOR INS

E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJ: KURDISH REFUGEES

REF: STATE 270937

1. EMBOFFS MET WITH UNHCR REP GOODYEAR TO DISCUSS REFTTEL. DETAILS
IN SUBSEQUENT PARAS. GOODYEAR NOTED THAT IF VIRTUALLY ALL
PROCESSING OF REFUGEES EXCEPT FINAL INTERVIEW TOOK PLACE IN
TEHRAN, MID-WINTER TRIP TO FRANKFURT AND ATTENDING ORGANIZATIONAL
HEADACHES WOULD BE NEEDED SOLELY FOR THAT BRIEF FINAL STEP IN
PROCESS. HE BELIEVES HE HAS A COMMITMENT FROM RED LION AND SUN
SOCIETY TO PROVIDE AIR TRANSPORTATION OUT OF IRAN, WHICH HE
ESTIMATES COULD RESULT IN TOTAL SAVINGS OF \$300,000. TRAVEL
TO EUROPE WOULD GREATLY INCREASE COST OF MOVEMENT, BECAUSE
GOI WOULD ONLY PAY FOR FIRST LEG OF JOURNEY. ACCOMPLISH-
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MENT OF ALL BUT FINAL INTERVIEW IN TEHRAN WILL ADD TO ALREADY

HEAVY WORKLOAD OF CONSULAR SECTION WITHOUT ACHIEVING ANY ACCELERATION OF MOVEMENT. WOULD APPRECIATE EXPLANATION WHY IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR INS TO SEND REP TO TEHRAN TO GIVE FINAL INTERVIEW.

2. LIST OF REFUGEES NOW BEING UPDATED BY UNHCR AND KRUDISH LEADERS TO EXCLUDE THOSE WHO MAY HAVE RETURNED IRAQ OR BEEN ACCEPTED BY EUROPEAN COUNTRY. WE EXPECT FINAL LIST WITHIN ONE TO TWO WEEKS. UPON RECEIPTS, EMBASSY WILL INITIATE VISAS EAGLE FOR ALL APPLICANTS OVER 16 YEARS OF AGE, AND INFO BEIRUT FOR ITS CLEARANCE. REQUEST BEIRUT ESTIMATE HOW LONG SUCH CLEARANCE WOULD TAKE IF LIST CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 300 NAMES.

3. IRANIAN RED LION AND SUN SOCIETY, AFFILIATED WITH INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AND THE OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT ARM HANDLING THE KURDISH REFUGEES IN IRAN, HAS OFFERED TO PERFORM AT NO COST MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS ON ANY FORMS WE PROVIDE. COST OF MEDICAL THROUGH PARS HOSPITAL, AUTHORIZED BY US PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE TO PERFORM IV MEDICALS, WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$18 FOR EACH ADULT, \$8 PER CHILD. THEY COULD PERFORM MAXIMUM OF 10 EXAMINATIONS PER DAY. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT EXAM PERFORMED BY RED LION AND SUN SOCIETY (TO INCLUDE CHEST X-RAY) WOULD CERTAINLY BE AS THOROUGH AND ACCURATE AS THAT PROVIDED BY PARS HOSPITAL, AND WOULD RESULT IN ENOURMOUS SAVINGS. REQUEST DEPT. OR INS AUTHORIZATION TO HAVE RED LION AND SUN DO MEDICALS ON OUR IV MEDICAL FORMS.

4. ASSUME USMISSION GENEVA MAKING NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH GERMANY FOR VISAS, TEMPORARY LODGING IN FRANKFURT IF FINAL PROCESSING MUST BE DONE THERE.

5. UNHCR REP ARRANGING WITH GOI BLANKET SECURITY CERTIFICATE FOR TIME REFUGEES HAVE SPENT IN IRAN, AND FOR TWO-WAY LAISSEZ PASSERS.

6. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED 500 I-590 FORMS FROM INS ROME.
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